Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The public library in Pierre, South Dakota, opened to the public on March 10, 1905, and was named the Pierre Carnegie Public Library. In 1972, it moved to its present location overlooking the Capitol and was renamed the R. E. Rawlins Municipal Library; and,

Whereas, The public library in Pierre addresses essential informational, educational, and cultural and recreational needs for the people in Hughes and Stanley counties and provides the broadest possible access to information resources and materials; and,

Whereas, The public library in Pierre has made a significant contribution to the quality of life for area residents in the past century by providing print, audio visual and electronic resources to help children, teenagers and adults to learn to find, evaluate and use information they need for their jobs, health, education and other needs through electronic information and other sources; and,

Whereas, The public library in Pierre, through multiple cooperative arrangements, supports a cost-effective means of supporting area citizens with literacy programs that include early childhood story times, after school book-related programs, summer reading celebrations and family literacy events; and,

Whereas, The public library in Pierre, through the promotion of unrestricted access to information, helps strengthen our nation's democracy and will begin a second century of providing free public library services to citizens in the Capital City and throughout South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of March 10 – 16, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge citizens to visit the R. E. Rawlins Municipal Library which is celebrating 100 years of service on March 12, 2005.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State